agricultural growth rate is subject to fluctuations due to influence of a number of factors like monsoon, weather, water and quality of land among others.

(e) The Eleventh Five Year Plan has fixed a target growth rate of 4 per cent for the agriculture and allied sectors.

Recommendation of the CACP

781. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices has recommended MSP of Rs. 1,000 for rice for the forthcoming Kharif season;

(b) whether MSP for other agricultural products have been recommended by CACP;

(c) if so, the details of crops for which MSP has been recommended and the amount of MSP recommended, crop-wise;

(d) if so, what are the other recommendations made by the CACP;

(e) whether the recommendations made by the Commission and submitted to the Government; and

(f) if so, when the recommendations have been submitted and what action Government has taken on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (f) The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) has submitted its Report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 2008-09 season to the Government . Final decision regarding the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for the Kharif crops of 2008-09 season will be taken by the Government after obtaining the views of State Governments/UTs and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which are considered important for fixation of support prices.

Inclusion of more districts of Orissa under NFSM

782. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested the Centre for inclusion of four more districts under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for rice and three more districts for pulses, with a view to secure food security;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the time-frame within which the proposal of the State Government would be agreed to and sanction conveyed, if not already done?